

Romans # 118

“Legitimate Groaning” Part 2

Romans 8:19-25

We do have inexpressible joy and happiness because we’re aware of our eternal destiny, stabilizing us in this unstable world but let’s face it, there are many problems with our health, relationships, money and people in general; so we suffer every day.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we're all heirs of God but to become co-heirs with Christ, we must suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified with Him.

Time is just a drop in a bucket compared to eternity and suffering in time cannot be compared to blessing in eternity.

But even with spiritual strength, there’s something inside us that groans, agonizes, even mourns because of the effect of sin in the world and nature joins us in this inexpressible grief.

In our state of grieving, God is conforming us into the image of His Son which is our destiny of glory.

In this case, although complaining to others is unhealthy; complaining on this level to God is extremely healthy.

The sufferings we are going through are nothing compared to what God is producing in us because something is happening when we're walking by the Spirit; God is providing His power to conform us to His Son’s character.

Our present suffering is not worthy to be compared with the character of God that will be revealed in us.

The glory to be revealed in us is the character of God and we are transformed into that character as a result of spiritual growth.

Nature knows what we don’t know: that all things work together for good!

Waiting eagerly has come to mean intense concentration leading to confident expectation and security as a result.

We are not living a normal Christian life if we’re chronically insecure because we are ignorant of the character of God and how His attributes function in His plan for man.

We have confident expectation as the biblical definition of the first category of hope and when we walk through the door of hope, it becomes absolute expectation.

When we have any sorrow, we project into the future all the fantastic things we have in Christ and this takes us into a realm of thinking

in our consciousness that brings us back into the present with confidence and strength.

All definitions of hope in the Bible include expectation because hope is always projected into the future and expectation means looking forward, bringing the future into our lives, understanding the principle of living in the light of eternity; so, hope is confidence in the immediate and/or distant future.

If we’re going forward, we do it on God’s agenda and if we’re looking backward, we do

it on our arrogance of self-justification, lying to ourselves in self-deception, the basis for a miserable life.

The first thing God ever did for us in eternity past was to deposit greater blessings for us into escrow, providing the means of our glorifying Him.

Invisible God can only be truly loved by a capacity for love which is in the soul that comes when we've entered the advanced spiritual life.

The love of the believer for God is the highest human love that exists.

The winner executes the unique spiritual life of the Church Age and he has maximum spiritual virtue; understanding that the same spiritual life our

Lord had, has been given to him.

The elevation of the believer in ultimate sanctification means the elevation of nature in ultimate restoration to the pristine glory that existed between the time the Holy Spirit renovated the earth to the time of man's fall.

The corruption of nature reveals the corruption of mankind and the future glory of nature reveals the future glory of regenerate mankind.

The beauty of nature at present is analogous to the beauty of the mature believer; both are in the principle of undeserved suffering and yet both have a fantastic beauty that comes out of it.

Satan rules this world of corruption; its corrupted people and corrupted nature but compared to what Adam had, the devil rules a junkyard.